

All the weekend action

CENTRESPORT

TWO GOAL
TREVOR
CUP STAR

Wycombe Wanderers 0, Cherries 3 : by COLIN SMITH

AFC BOURNEMOUTH striker Trevor Morgan's two goals in this FA Cup first round tie could not have come at more appropriate moments in the match.

When Morgan rounded off his impressive display of forward grafting by scoring in the 77th minute it finally ended Wycombe's lingering hopes of saving the match.

The home side, two down at half-time, put everything into a second-half effort that produced their most menacing spell of the game.

But the Bournemouth defence, to which player-coach David Webb returned to play a key role, dealt with this danger in a confident manner.

The experienced Webb, veteran of 42 previous FA Cup appearances with six different clubs wielded a big influence.

CLEAR-CUT CHANCES

Wycombe worked hard enough, for an hour, in their attempts to find a way through. But Webb was always in the right place at the right time — and skipper John Impey and his defensive colleagues responded well.

It was not until the last minute that keeper Kenny

Allen was forced to make the second of two outstanding saves.

By that time the contest was settled by that Morgan goal. It rounded off a remarkable period of attacking by the Cherries, during which they created four clear-cut chances in a few minutes.

Nigel Spackman, in his best display for the team, seemed to revel in the conditions, and his work in midfield was a feature of the match.

FADING CAUSE

It was Spackman who created the first of those openings with a strong run and an angled cross which beat



NIGEL SPACKMAN
Impressive midfield display

keeper Gary Lester. But the ball eluded both Morgan and his forward partner Steve Massey.

Then the Massey-Morgan combination sent Tom Hefferman through on the left of the penalty area, only for the shot to rebound from the far post. Spackman shot wide from the rebound.

Wycombe were still gallantly pushing forward in a fast-fading cause. But they were weary Wanderers by this time, and found it impossible to recover their defensive positions as Bournemouth launched incisive counter-attacks.

In the 76th minute a goal for the visitors seemed certain when AFC raiders found them-

selves in a four-to-two situation, but Morgan was thwarted by Lester's smart save.

But a minute later the home defence was again wide open as Massey squared a short pass and MORGAN sent it into the empty net.

There was a further chance for Morgan to make it a hat-trick and, even after Allen's fine save from Jimmy Jacobs, another opportunity fell to Spackman, who fired over with almost the last kick of the match.

Conditions on the greasy pitch, with rain falling most of the time, spoiled some of those scoring attempts. And they also provided a drain on Wycombe's stamina.

The Isthmian League part-timers had played a gruelling two hours in similar conditions four days earlier, in a county cup game that went to extra time.

That must have taken its toll and, although Wycombe opened with a flurry against Bournemouth — and made another concerted effort after the break — they could not match the strength and superior skills of their opponents.

Terry Glynn, the Wanderers' top scorer, went through for an early chance, but Allen saved superbly — and gave his teammates the chance to settle on the sloping pitch.

EARLY-GOAL BOOST

Bournemouth coped admirably with both the slope and the tricky surface, and they had the boost of an early goal.

John Evanson, on the right, did some good work at the top of the gradient during the first half and it was from his cross to the far post that Morgan

headed back across goal for MASSEY to score his 11th goal of the season.

The "killer" blow was provided by MORGAN a minute before half-time when he raced away, beating the offside trap to fire a well-taken goal. Wycombe full-back George Borg was booked for complaining about this score, but it was he who left Morgan in an onside position.

The Bournemouth striker has figured in a winning side at Wycombe TWICE this season. On the opening day of the season Morgan appeared as substitute for Leytonstone and Ilford, who won their Isthmian League game at Loakes Park.

NO BARRIERS

Wycombe were unbeaten in a run of 14 home games after that.

But that record, and the home team's familiarity with a side-to-side slope of 9ft, were no barriers for Bournemouth as they convincingly secured their place in round two of the FA Cup.

Wycombe Wanderers: Lester; Birdseye, Borg, Davies, Hardwick, Dell, Long, Jacobs, Glynn, Price, Hollfield. Sub: Toit (for Dell 66 min.).

AFC Bournemouth: Allen; Tunningham, Moore, Impey, Hefferman, Webb, Ferns, Spackman, Morgan, Massey, Evanson. Sub: McGrath.

Referee: V. G. Callow (Sollihull).

Attendance: 4,768.